

## COAL OPERATORS UNANIMOUS FOR HOOVER'S PLAN

Written Report of Conference Read at Meeting Here This Morning.

## NEW PEAK REACHED

Production Reaches 424 Cars in Northern West Virginia Friday.

Coal operators of Northern West Virginia held a meeting this morning at 11:30 o'clock at the rooms of the Jacobs Building when the members unanimously adopted the Hoover plan for arriving at the price of coal during the coal strike. The membership is well pleased with the plan, which they think is equitable.

The report of the Northern West Virginia conference with Secretary Hoover was made by George S. Brackett, secretary of the association, who read a prepared report. E. S. McCullough, labor commissioner, Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association, gave a resume of the labor situation in the coal fields and particularly Northern West Virginia.

It was decided to hold the next membership meeting of the association in Clarksburg but the date or meeting place in that city was not decided.

Fifty coal operators attended the meeting and every section of the Fairmont region was represented at the gathering.

**Production Gains**  
Coal loading took a slight brace in Northern West Virginia on Friday when there were 424 cars of coal loaded. This was a gain of 47 cars over Thursday's loading and established a new day peak for production since the strike began. The former high daily record was reached on May 25 when 406 cars of coal were loaded.

The coal loading on the various divisions was as follows: B. & O., Monongah, 97 cars; Charleston, 39 cars; Connellsville, 43 cars; Cumberland, 29 cars; Monongahela, 23 cars; Morgantown & Kingwood, 33 cars; Morgantown & Wheeling, 15 cars; Bellington & Weaver, Western Maryland, 3 cars.

**143 Mines At Work**  
There has been no change in the number of mines at work on the union basis today, there being the same number as active on Thursday and Friday.

The number of mines at work on the various divisions today was as follows: B. & O., Monongah, 28; Charleston, 35; Connellsville, 25; Cumberland, 29; Monongahela, 7; Morgantown & Kingwood, 28; Morgantown & Wheeling, 8; Bellington & Weaver, Western Maryland, 1.

**Empties Ordered**  
Today there are 114 empties ordered by the various divisions in Northern West Virginia as follows: B. & O., Monongah, 38; Charleston, 80; Connellsville, 25; Cumberland, 29; Monongahela, 35; Morgantown & Kingwood, 95; Morgantown & Wheeling, 10; Bellington & Weaver, Western Maryland, 1.

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## NOTICE

MR. WILBUR F. CRAFTS  
Give a ten minute talk to the Every Sunday Men's Bible Class of The First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 9:30  
Judge Scott C. Lowe will teach the lesson.

## NOTICE TO CITY TAXPAYERS

Delinquent lists of unpaid City taxes for 1921 will be made up in June following and all persons owing taxes for said year are requested to give this immediate attention.  
Z. F. DAVIS,  
May 29, 1922 Treasurer

## WANTED

Ledger Clerk, by reliable company. Must be quick and accurate at figures. Write Box 1000 Care of The West Virginian giving references, experience and salary expected. Must be able to use typewriter.

## Coal Production in May a Third as Much as Month Before Strike

Mines of Northern West Virginia during May produced 8,304 cars or 415,200 tons of coal. This is a gain of 4,741 cars over the month of April, when the strike began. Nearly 25 per cent of the May output was produced by the Mines on the Morgantown & Kingwood railroad.

In March, Northern West Virginia's mines produced 34,234 cars or 1,711,700 tons of coal, this being the period of rush just before the strike broke. In February the mines loaded 25,720 cars or 1,286,000 tons of coal. In January 22,649 cars or 1,124,450 tons of coal were loaded.

May's figures show that a little better than one-third as much coal was produced as in January, about a third as much as in February and 25 per cent as much as in March, when the peak of 1922 production was reached.

Coal production figures for May on the various divisions were as follows: B. & O., Monongah, 1,565 cars; Charleston, 1,849 cars; Connellsville, 463 cars; Cumberland, 1,233 cars; Wyatt—Heilen's Run, 8 cars; Morgantown & Wheeling, 222 cars; Morgantown & Kingwood, 2,070 cars; Monongahela, (West Virginia) 660 cars.

## DEMOCRATS SEEK G. O. P. SCALPS

'Sour Grapes' Believed Responsible for Attack on Officials Here.

BY THE WATCHMAN

That the "storm of criticism" against the Marion County officers over the McVey case, referred to in a morning paper, is nothing more than a "spite brain storm" on the part of someone suffering from sour grapes who has the medium of a newspaper to spit his spite against the county was the opinion expressed today.

A careful reading of the story as carried in a morning paper today shows it to have no news value whatever, being purely propaganda in every particular, except a few sentences concerning the offering of a reward by the County Court for the capture of the bandits—a story that was carried in The West Virginian.

It is just a little trick to which someone has stooped to make things as hard as possible for the Marion County officers who happen to be Republicans.

Such silly stuff as that of the officers having no desire to make any effort to catch criminals other than hootch-makers is so ridiculous as to cause a smile to flicker across the face of any reader who has a grain of common sense.

The rambling nature of the article is such as to indicate that the writer was so bitter a propagandist that he did not even take the time to make a single attempt to make the exact meaning clear. The section dealing with the arrest of Mike Popovich was so twisted that the latter part of the story contradicts a statement in a preceding paragraph.

None will take the story this morning seriously, because the policy of the morning newspaper is to seek to make things as uncomfortable as they can be made by propaganda or otherwise for every Republican in public life coming within the range of its activity.

## GARFIELD PRICES TO APPLY TO FAIRMONT

Coal prices as sanctioned by Secretary of Commerce Hoover for Northern West Virginia means \$3.50 a ton for mine run with Garfield differentials declared C. H. Jenkins, secretary and treasurer of the Hutchinson Coal Co., today.

The Garfield differentials would be equivalent to the following prices: Mine run, \$3.50; slack, \$3.25; lump, \$3.75.

**KILLED IN MINE**  
Word was received here last night of the death of Robert Watson, 68 years old at Scottsdale, Pa. He was killed by a slip in a mine. He is the father of Mrs. Frank S. Follansbee of R. Gantown. Mrs. Follansbee is at this time a patient in a local hospital.

## FOR SALE CHEAP

Late Packard Twin Six with \$600 worth of extra. See FRED VANDETTA At Watson Hotel Corner or Standard Garage

## BEST THING IN THE WORLD

Eyes made good and easy with glasses prescribed by Dr. Koenig. Many who had failed to get relief for years are now delighted. Examination day or night. Office 201 Walnut Ave. Phone 626-R.

## FREE

1922 Ford Touring Car  
Come in today and get your free ticket. Inquire at our store as to how you may get more than one Free Ticket.

Get Yours Today  
The Home Furniture Company  
JEFFERSON STREET

## KNOWS NOTHING OF SETTLEMENT

J. L. Lewis Declares He Has No Knowledge of Any Proposed Meeting.

"I have no knowledge of matters mentioned," declared John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America in response to a telegram asking whether any credence could be placed in the report that the strike in the coal fields will end within thirty days and whether there are any prospects of a conference between the operators and miners of the Central Competitive Field before June 15.

The reply was received by The West Virginian this afternoon from Indianapolis.

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# British Forces in Ireland Reinforced

## COUNTY OFFICERS STILL SEARCHING FOR TWO BANDITS

New Developments in Case Kept Secret by Prosecuting Attorney Here.

Silence and secrecy surrounds the activities of the county officers working on the case of the two masked bandits who shot Mr. and Mrs. Clarence O. McVey in the bedroom at their home at Annabelle Junction near Worthington early Thursday morning.

Prosecuting Attorney Frank R. Amos, when seen shortly after noon today, announced that there were no new developments in the case, but that the officers were still working on it. Considerable excitement was caused this morning when a foreign family which had been residing at Carolina moved away from that place in a large truck.

The officers were notified and went out to investigate the case but found nothing to connect it up with the shooting of the McVeyes. Two men who were apprehended by Deputy Sheriff Hawkins and Charlton were released after being questioned by Prosecuting Attorney Amos.

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## WARD WILL FACE GRAND JURY FOR KILLING PETERS

Not a Single Phase of Story Given Police by Cunningham Substantiated.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., June 3.—The grand jury will consider the killing of Clarence Peters, former navy man, by Walter S. Ward, wealthy baker's son, next Monday, it was learned today. Fifteen or more witnesses will be summoned, it is understood, including George S. Ward, father of the confessed slayer, Mrs. Walter S. Ward, and two maids in the Ward's new Rochelle home, Lulu Barrows and Amy Mild.

Westchester County officials today began their second day's investigation of James J. Cunningham's story of the killing of Peters and his statement of an attack by black-males.

Despite their failure to substantiate a single phase of Cunningham's story those in authority seemed convinced that the former race-track man's statement was based upon actual facts. Sheriff Werner declared that he would put the man through a two hour cross-examination again today.

Cunningham only laughs when he is told his stories do not stand investigation. He seems embittered by his arrest and says that the authorities will get no more help from him so long as he is held in jail.

When investigators went to Stamford, Conn., to follow up Cunningham's story, they were unable to find anyone who fits into the story. An attorney for Cunningham appeared at the jail here with the prisoner's mother and stated that he had been retained in his interests. He said he would attempt to free Cunningham on a habeas corpus proceeding, unless he was given a hearing.

**DEMANDS RUSSIANS WITHDRAW CLAIMS**

PARIS, June 3.—(By the Associated Press)—Premier Poincare in a memorandum forwarded yesterday to the United States government and to all the powers which have received invitations to attend the Hague conference on Russian affairs, demands that the Soviet government withdraw its memorandum, presented at the Genoa conference on May 11, as a condition for French participation at the Hague meeting with the Russians.

It is interesting to note that upward to one hundred and eighty of Fairmont and Marion County interests will be represented in this special edition. The list embraces retail merchants in almost every conceivable line, wholesale houses, coal operators, banks, manufacturing industries and professional folk. The news of their progress and cooperation in the affairs of this section will be clearly outlined and when the newspapers are distributed throughout the nation, as will be the case, the word that Fairmont and its adjacent territory are important and attractive fields will be carried in a convincing manner.

**NINETEEN INJURED.**  
CHICAGO, June 3.—Nineteen persons were injured, two seriously, when Chicago and Northwestern passenger train No. 6 from Omaha to Chicago was derailed at 9:40 o'clock last night near Quarry, Iowa, according to official reports received at the railroads office here.

## No 30 Per Cent Cut Considered by Union

Emphatic denial was made today to the statement that the international officials of the United Mine Workers of America are considering a conference with the operators on the basis of a 30 per cent cut with the check-off at the offices of the United Mine Workers of America.

Charles H. Batley, Fairmont, international representative of the United Mine Workers of America in Northern West Virginia, the official spokesman, was out of the city today, but it is understood that he will make a formal statement upon his return.

## PUBLICITY EDITION OF PAPER DELAYED

Special Issue of The West Virginian Will Appear Next Saturday.

The National Publicity Edition of The West Virginian, in which a majority of Fairmont and Marion County merchants, manufacturers, wholesale houses and other local interests will be represented will in all likelihood be issued next Saturday.

Originally it was planned to publish this large, four-page edition today, but the mechanical problem proved an unusually big one, and at least another week will be necessary to complete the thirty odd pages of material which will be published.

One reason for the delay of publication hinges upon the fact that there has been an unusually heavy run of news and advertising carried in The West Virginian during the past two or three weeks. That was especially so during Trade Expansion Days of Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. During that period The West Virginian copy and mechanical staff produced far more than the normal volume of material. While the average run of pages for one week or six issues of The West Virginian is from seventy to seventy six, there were printed during the week of Trade Expansion Days a total of ninety-eight pages.

As that abnormal load of pages was printed without an increase in the operating staff, it has been impossible to complete many of the National Publicity Edition pages.

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CLAY D. Amos was named attorney for the Behler Coal Co. in a paper filed yesterday with the clerk of the county court.

## FORD PROPOSAL APPROVED TODAY BY COMMITTEE

House Military Committee Votes to Recommend Adoption.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—The House military committee voted today to report the Ford proposal to the House and recommend its adoption.

The recommendation, however, will be made by the committee in reporting the Ford proposal to the House. The committee will be reached by the Detroit manufacturer be eliminated from the properties disposed of by the government.

The action of the committee followed discussion of differences in the offer as made by Mr. Ford and the model proposal evolved by the committee after inquiry into the offer of the Detroit manufacturer and others. Complete agreement was reached by the committee members and representatives of Mr. Ford on the fertilizer proposition which had been in dispute.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE MAN OF NEW YORK IS IN TOWN

R. F. Carter representing Community Service, Inc., of New York City, is in Fairmont today.

Mr. Carter explained the method of handling community service work, stating that citizens usually bring the matter before civic organizations, with the result that an organizer is sent into the city by the Community Service people.

A local committee is then organized and some socially-minded business man made chairman. Committee chairmen are appointed to start the work "of organizing, planning, and carrying out of neighborhood groups; of creating neighborhood groups which would function to meet neighborhood needs."

Mr. Carter called upon a number of prominent local persons during the day.

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## TWELVE FIGHTING PLANES ARRIVE AS WELL AS TROOPS

Two British Destroyers Also Reported to Have Reached Belfast.

## LITTLE OPTIMISM

Rupture of Negotiations Again Averted Despite Gloomy Feeling.

BELFAST, June 3.—(By the Associated Press)—The British forces in Northern Ireland were reinforced today by the arrival of twelve officers and ninety-seven men of other ranks of the Royal Air Force. They were followed by twelve fighting planes.

A battery of howitzers was also landed. Their destination is believed to be Enniskillen, where there is much military activity.

Several troopships bringing English and Scottish regiments also entered the harbor today.

The military in Fermanagh are commandeering automobiles and boats, and it is believed that the sale of the Belleek salient recently seized by Irish Republican army forces is contemplated.

Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, on his arrival from London told the newspapermen that his visit had been profitable, and that he was pleased with the results so far as Northern Ireland was concerned. The British cabinet, he said, was now fully advised of the situation from Ulster's viewpoint.

The twelve Bristol fighting planes will be flown over from England this afternoon and will be quartered at Aldergrove, eighteen miles from the city.

The crown forces are gradually replacing the Ulster Special Constabulary men who have been on duty along the border, and the latter are returning to police work.

**Destroyers Arrive**  
LONDON, June 3.—The arrival of two British destroyers at Belfast is reported in a dispatch to the Central News.

**Rupture Averted**  
LONDON, June 3.—Rupture of the Irish negotiations has again been averted but there is little disposition here to take a very optimistic view of the situation. The Irish news column, Griffiths, president of the Dail Eireann, to six (Continued on Page Four)

## CREDITORS CLOSE LOCAL PLAYHOUSE

Blue Ridge May Be Sold to Pay Off Debts Incurred by Former Manager.

Decision to sell the Blue Ridge Theater for the partial satisfaction of about \$14,000 in debts incurred under the management of Sol Burka was made at a joint meeting of creditors with W. Lee Byers, trustee for Burka, held at 8 o'clock last night in the office of Treve Nutter, attorney for the creditors.

Unless some arrangements for supplying funds is made by creditors, the theater will close after the last performance tonight. Mr. Byers stated this afternoon. The concert to be given by the Thornton Jubilee Singers tomorrow afternoon will be the only event to be staged until September 1, if Mr. Byers' plans are carried out.

It was rumored this afternoon that some plan is to be worked out whereby Mr. Byers will be advanced the money with which to carry the theater through the poor-paying summer season. No official confirmation of this could be obtained this afternoon, however.

It was brought out at the meeting of creditors last night that two breaches of the lease from C. C. Ross to Sol Burka, former manager, to Mr. Byers as trustee for Burka, had come about. One, in the failure of the trustee to pay the rent to Mr. Ross when it was due, and the other in the assigning of the lease to a trustee, contrary to stipulations set forth in the instrument.

Attorneys present concurred in the opinion, however, that the trusteeship would be held legal in any court, and that the payment of the rent would again validate the lease. Should the lease be declared invalid it was held Burka's trustee would no longer have any claim on the theater and it therefore could not be sold by creditors who would have no recourse except through the instigation of bankruptcy proceedings.

It was indicated at the session that several bids ranging from \$10,000 to \$15,000 had been received. (Continued on Page Four)